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- (2) WO 94/03510 A, February 17, 1994; Applicants note that this document is a

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- (3) U.S. Patent No. 5,725,844 (GERS-BARLAG), March 10, 1998; Applicants note that this document is categorized in the European Search Report as A document, i.e., illustrating the technological background;
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 5,788,952 (GERS-BARLAG), August 4, 1998; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (3).

Applicants further direct the Examiner's attention to the following documents cited in the German Search Report for German Patent Application No. 100 63 130.4 which is a family member of the above-referenced application:

- (5) DE 42 41 118 A1, June 9, 1994;
- (6) U.S. Patent No. 6,335,003 B1 (KIM et al.), January 1, 2002; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (5);
- (7) DE 42 25 045 A1, February 3, 1994; Applicants note that this document is a family member of U.S. Patent No. 6,372,876 (KIM et al.) which is already of record;
- (8) U.S. Patent No. 5, 879,668 (HANNA et al.), March 9, 1999;
- (9) EP 1 093 796 A1, April 25, 2001;

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- (10) U.S. Patent No. 6,409,998 (CANDAU et al.), June 25, 2002; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (9);
- (11) EP 0 864 316 A1, September 16, 1998;
- (12) U.S. Patent No. 5,932,194 (PLESSIX et al.), August 3, 1999; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (11).

Applicants further direct the Examiner's attention to the following additional documents which are cited in the present specification:

- (13) DE 42 24 761 A1, February 3, 1994;
- (14) U.S. Patent No. 5,498,690 (KIM et al.), March 12, 1996; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (13);
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- (17) U.S. Patent No. 5,955,060 (HUGLIN et al.); Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (16);
- (18) WO 92/20690 A1; November 26, 1992;
- (19) U.S. Patent No. 5,403,944 (FRATER et al.), April 4, 1995; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (18).

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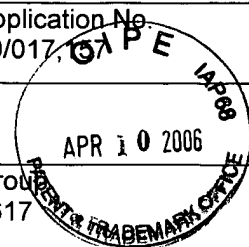


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